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Country Banks and the Banking Bill.

mania by some members of Congress in discussing the currency provisions of the new banking bill, a little statistical study of the present national be represented compactly in the following tabulation derived from the last report of the national banks to the Comptroller of the Currency:

Country banks (number), 6,806, 95 per cent, of total.

Country bank resources. \$5,529,673,471 51 per cent, of total.

United States bonds held by country banks to secure circulation and deposits \$514.082.730, 66 per cent. of total. Country bank capital and surplus, \$378, 676.898, 55 per cent. of total.

Country bank capital invested in Unite States bonds, 53 per cent. Reserve city bank capital so invested, 40

Central reserve bank capital so in vested, 25 per cent

One thing which the framers and advocates of the Administration banking bill must keep constantly in mind is the necessity of satisfying intelligent banking opinion. In order to establish an improved banking system and make it work well a statute for that purpose must enlist the coopera-

tion of all national bankers and secure the favorable regard of the rest of the banking community. Absurd suspicions about the city banker may be indulged at the cost of failing to win the country banker's approval of a measure of change in financial

machinery. As may be inferred from the fore going statistical survey, the country bank is the backbone of the national is preeminently the man who must be satisfied with the justice of provisions for protecting national bank investments made in United States bonds According to all trustworthy accounts It is the country banker who has shown restlessness over commitments of enlightening the rest of us might in these bonds, and it is his selling which has weakened the Government

bond market. There are other ways in which the interests of the country banker are involved in the proposed legislation, and the examination which has just been made here suggests the importance of considering his views in all particu-

Call This " Prison Reform "?

Abandonment or reconstruction of Sing Sing will not constitute prison reform. The substitution of clean cell blocks for disease breeding quarters. the discontinuance of housing conditions that would bring the Board of Health to a private establishment on the double quick, cannot honestly be called progress toward an enlightened treatment of convicts. It is negative only, a removal of a disgrace, an ab stention from offence, a belated tribute to decency.

We shall not congratulate the State merely because it ceases to infect its a level of existence below that instinctively maintained by beasts, and force them into corruption so vile that even trained investigators blanch when its iniquities are revealed. Were we and banished from the homes of decent remedy such conditions be called anything except a too tardy reparation to

outraged humanity? Wherever experience has bee beeded it has come to be recognized that in its treatment of lawbreakers society must keep two objects in view. One is punishment of the wrongdoer. one, imprisonment or death. The other is his reclamation from evil ways and restoration to usefulness in the community, to be brought about by educato the detention of mulefactors is no as a monstrous breach of faith, a most the slashed skirt strike a town for the better than a bedlam given over solely reprehensible and indefensible thing. to the restraint of mad men. Despite the sentimentality of some sapless

Probation systems, the children's

cial privileges for good behavior are To save men, not simply to thinking unionist. gratify humane feeling, but for economic gain; to lessen the amount of human wastage, to decrease the cost of demands. taxpayers, these are practicable purposes, not poetic dreams. To their accomplishment scientific penology is devoted, but it does not count taking men out of cesspools as within its province. It assumes that the State will not put men in cesspools, and New York has

done exactly that. What the State should do is not is to house all prisoners in decency. Each should receive such medical and surgical treatment as his condition requires. Each should have any tuition he may need to put him on the level of a common school graduate. Each should have employment suited to his strength. None should be exploited through private contractors or be brought into competition with free labor. Here is a problem difficult but tion of making our railroads safe. not unsolvable. Great public works such as highways and canals, irrigation and drainage projects, these are appropriate and proper fields for convict labor, for by it plans desirable but commercially too expensive or not sufficiently remunerative to be carried forward come within the range of possibility. And every device of amusement and recreation that may awaken or sustain honor in these men should be utilized for the severely utilitarian purpose of relieving the taxpayers of a

self-respecting efficiency. That much may be accomplished in this direction is not a Utopian specu-Judging from the manifestations of lation. The record of actual proved success is available for any man who cares to read it. It does not, indeed, point to the immediate elimination of all criminals. It is not a story of unbanking system will be timely. It may varying attainment of ideals. But it comprises a history damning without even faint praise the system that makes a prison a place simply of bars and bolts, be they never so secure.

Until New York enters on a cours embodying the ideals here so generally outlined. THE SUN cannot accept its conduct as promising a real prison reform. Much less can we take the proposed abandonment of an unspeakably vile and incredibly foul cell block as prison reform. That is a long delayed acknowledgment of detestable wrong doing for which the State can hope to get no more credit than an ancient pirate deserves for deathbod confession of a few of his sins.

A Matter of Record.

THE SUN wishes particularly well to Judge Lindsey of Denver and shows t by wondering if it is any reply to the charges made against him by the Woman's Protective League to bring special privileges influence." It seems reasonable to suppose that "special privileges," corrupt or incorrupt, are not foolish enough to attack such work as Judge LINDSEY has got the reputation for.

He can afford to be judged by his record. Even though it slay him, yet should be trust in it. We do not know in detail the charges

of the Woman's Protective League; and Judge Lindsey will benefit in the East and a useful service. Still, some of the best of men, in

cluding Mr. BRYAN, are not always as of public virtue and their long habit seem to require.

The mention of Mr. BRYAN suggests that frequent absence of the body which, as CHARLES LAMB would put it. means presence with the Lord. We ser is always on the spot; that he never or seldom leaves to a subordinate those duties in the Juvenile Court of Denver that have given him renown: profitable oratorical divagations and the courage that is never lost. peregrinations whereby Mr. BRYAN has conquered the Curse of God.

Would Judge LINDSEY mind sending absences from the Juvenile Court since duty. "Special privileges" need not frighten us so long as their opponents are faithful to their trust.

The Nefarious Conduct of Certain

Employers. So far as the record is available shows that the trainmen of the Eastprisoners with disease, reduce them to ern railroads made certain demands on their employers, involving a large increase in the wage schedule, and offered, as the alternative to a general strike which would starve half the population of the nation and greatly into tell the truth about Sing Sing The convenience the other half, to submit SUN would be excluded from the mails those demands to arbitration. Thereupon the Congress enacted and the men. Can the present proposal to President signed a law providing for arbitration on terms acceptable to railroads and to men, and both sides greed to submit thereto.

This having been accomplished, the employers had the amazing audacity to declare that while the arbitration was line in progress they intended to submit certain recommendations of their own terror through the free lunch connoisembodied in the form of reprimand, in respect of the terms of service ren- scurs and cafe athletes. They have dered, as apart from the service paid for. To the uninitiate this would seem reasonable and just. But by the inciters of this enterprise the proposal of tion, the establishment of health, the any question the answer to which might correction of wrong ideas, the rousing conceivably put them in the situation looked and gasped.—Richmond despatch. of self-respect. A prison devoted only of giving instead of taking is regarded

From this it is deduced that arbitration that may result in taking money prison reformers, intelligence supports from an employer's pocket and putting "the greatest exemplar of true Demothe foundation on which they erect it in an employee's pocket is a noble cratic principles in the world."—Despatch and glorious device; but arbitration from Lexington, Ky. that may work in the opposite direc-

conduct, distinctive uniforms and spe- tegrity and manhood of labor, emanating from the evil one, and not for a all expressions of the reconstructive moment to be tolerated by any right

> Let us arbitrate on our demands: we refuse to arbitrate on your counter

The Green Engineer.

The history of civilization is the record of advance founded upon error. It took the sinking of the Titanic to reveal our insane and insatiable appetite for futile speed. It took an Iroquois Theatre fire to show us the value of fire exits. And it took the Stamhidden in mystery. Its first obligation ford wreck to reveal the green en-

It is a sad but none the less true satisfaction to feel that this wreck has produced a great permanent element of safety in travel. Sometimes we cannot see the good results at once. but the fact that the engineer was spured to tell his story of humble incompetence was one of the best things that have ever happened in the evolu

In compliance with the recommen dations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Connecticut General Manager Barno of the New Haven road has issued an order that should be copied and enforced by every railroad across the country. His order puts an end to the danger from the green engineer. Would that there were some means of putting a similar end to the green chauffeur.

Rulers of the World.

Whatever of real modesty inspires the arrests of women charged in various parts of the country with devotion to the latest made in dress pohody knows When mere man intrudes in such matters the knowing wonder who is striv ing for free advertisement. Fashion is not made or unmade through legal processes, and what the style decrees woman will wear regardless of police. courts, mayors and penal codes.

As for the gowns beslit and sheer under which no longer are worn those carments once considered essential. their rule will be of short duration. Women are not fools. They know as well as other philosophers that their charm lies in self-concealment, not in self-revelation. A glimpse of ankle is are enjoying themselves to their mamma more provocative than a large area of calf, no matter how creditably moulded. A hint, a suggestion, a tantalizing suspicion: these are woman's most effective weapons. And she knows it:

day, the process goes on just the same.

Nor is this all! For we have among that men call intuition. She requires no school master or ma'am to teach her some things.

Therefore the disclosures of to-da may be confidently set down as a short lived whim, soon to pass. Almost before they are here they will be gone. restoring woman to that vantage up the ancient story about "corrupt ground of secrecy she has for a brief space so imprudently sacrificed. We shall not long be privileged to say that ve are shocked

> Quarter of a Century in Athletics. lot of the athletes of those remote Let your correspondent rejoice that he heroic days are expected to exhibit the has the privilege of selecting his guests remnants of their prowess on track and is free from the neighbors kids. remnants of their prowess on track and field.

It will be a sight for the gods, and Burg. may be expected to pop the eyes of austere to themselves as their notions winged foot youth with wonder. Despite the ravages of the greedy years. our money goes down every time on those graybeard veterans of forgotten wars of the cinder path. The leg muscles may have lost their steely spring, fat living may have impaired the wind, the ruthless sevthe of Father have no sort of doubt that Judge LIND. Time may have carved all too generous a slice off the stock of stamina; but despite the superficial deficlencies of stride and bellows and staying power, we still back those old that he never permits himself those fellows for the heart that is in them,

And suppose, young man, with your wire hung "hammer" that is no more a hammer than the cock of a gun can us the record of his presences in and crow, and your wizardry of the three mystic turns-suppose you can hurl January 7, 1901? No doubt the record the hefty missile a few or many reveals his persistence in his official beggarly feet further than our old are you approved thereby the better man? Say you can knock off a few fifths of a second in a flight of your flimsy hurdles, built to fall like a row of paper soldiers before your disingenuous inch elipping, spike bristling foot gear; what is the pride of the fleet foot to the stoutness of heart that used to take a man fearlessly at the firm planted obstacles, which to try to cheat meant a fall, sure and hard?

No; your modern high jumper ma twist himself acrobatically six inches higher than his head lives, your circus clown pole vaulter scrape the clouds; our love is for the old fellows who keep closer to Mother Earth.

So here's-all standing-a deep and foaming cup of grape juice to the oldsters of immortal youth!

Price of beef soaring .- Newspaper h

This information no longer sends long since cultivated a preference for various imitations of bologna and leather herrings, privately stating that

Whenever the silhouette gown an first time this invariably happens.

TANNER is a type of the Democrat who

Just ut this reading we are unabl irts, reductions of sentence for good tion is a despicable assault on the in- to recall all that we ought to know

about this Mr. TANNER. But he has the right idea. And if he can only make his notions about "the greates exemplar" reach the eyes and the ears of the exemplar himself he may be appointed a Minister Plenipotentiary at a salary that would be unlawful in Ken

It is sincerely to be hoped that the District Attorney has actually got what the emanations from the criminal courts allege—evidence that will justify crimnal prosecution of The Man Higher Up The source of his information, the para site of a blackmailing policeman, is not attractive, but it may serve. Our hope that this mystery may be solved springs from our wish that all rascals might be brought to justice, and is strongly buttressed in the weariness induced by years of vain search for the never here tofore named person to whom all the victous pay tribute.

The second West Virginia lawmaker o be convicted of bribery this year is Mr. RUTH DUFF. A name like that should be studiously kept off the crim inal records.

A PATIENT HOUSEHOLDER. How He Enjoys His Neighbors' Childs

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Le Mr. Frank Monroe Beverly of Freeling W. Va., rejoice that when the "period o by his invited guests ha come to an end he can stand on the piazza wave them good-by, rub his hands as he sees them depart, turn on his (of

course the right) heel and say

Thus one may see that your corre spondent has benefited by his experience and will know whether to invite other friends with children, or to take unto himself the pleasure of sitting on his front porch to read his beloved books and be satisfied in the knowledge of no more satisfied. marauders entering upon his preserve

But how with those who live in a lo cality where there are squalling, brawling, caterwauling and mauling "kids" who overrun one's lawn, dash through the choice rose bushes, make tracks in an around the hydrangeas, tear violently be ween the peonies and play tag through

What redress has the patient house nolder who must sit, smile and be con ent because it were not neighborly to shoo the little dearies away to get the

reputation of being sour or unfriendly?
Such a sufferer has not the same pleasure as your correspondent, who sits, read and communes in the knowledge that th turn; but the other must stand (and para doxically sit) and listen to the din, racket satisfaction. All this prohibits thought quiet repose until after the time wi the little angels have retired for the day lucklessly to commence the same schedule on the morrow, and it matters not whether on the Sabbath or a secular

us a genre that allows no polite cor sideration to prevent an inspection anything desired and come to stay. day there was a ring at the door and the maid reported that "Mrs. — wished to see our new kitchen linoleum." and the request was made at the front door the better to see the parlor carpet as well. So you see we are not in exclusion, but subject to an invasion of papa and mamma and the young ones, who toil not, neither do they spin literally; although the act of toiling in the hedge and spinning on the to be precipitated into the prive by the circumrotatist who calls out loudy to another spinner, or to others, "Say, fellers, dis ist like when dad comes home off evenings, how everything goes round."

Those who live in the locality describe

At Travers Island the New York are debating whether to install spring Athletic Club is holding a three days whose top shall be surmounted by plenty whose top shall be surmounted by plenty the twenty fifth annicelebration of the twenty-fifth anni- whose top shall be surmounted by plenty versary of its field on the island. By glass is to be incorporated; but even that way of doing the thing up in style a would not stop the "spinner and hedge

Then may he say with Martin Luther "Glenridge ist nicht mehr ein feste HIRAM.

GLEN RIDGE, N. J., July 17.

Battle Relics to Order.

At a meeting of the Morrisburg municipa who is an fron founder, informed his co-leagues that he had been approached by citizen who wanted him to cast fifty car look like something occasionally found on the battlefield of Chrysler's Farm. They were then to be sold as relics of the battle at the forthcoming Chrysler's Farm centenary celebration

ain, for while cannon balls picked up Chrysler's were once so common as to or many years been quite scarce.

"Accommodate."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: A notice tares one in the face on the open cars. "Seattlecommodate five persons." Well, either the dictionary or the car company is wrong, for find the following elucidation of "accommodate":
"To be, or furnish something as a kindness of favor, or to save trouble to. To oblige, to help time sons of Hercules sent their a check. To fit, adapt, or make suitable. Adjust wooden handled weapons of the smithy; or conform. To settle amicably, compromise." Can any one by any stretch of the imaginatio say that these seats are fitted, adapted, or made suitable for five people? Is it possible for five people to settle amicably in them? And has any me ever got off one of these cars feeling that he would like to accommodate a friend with a los reven cash his check! No, they are ties of civilizatio TRAVELLER. BROCKLYN, July 17.

TO THE POITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: In the "Tale of New York's Original Subway" in THE SUN of July 14 I think there are some errors you would of either Warren or Murray street and that it ran one block south. Also that the Devlin stor was a clothing and not a dry goods store. N doubt some of your readers can give full details. PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 17. C. E. SMITH. What regard have they for

Growth of the English Tongue.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Several menharacter "I wouldn't trust him." said one; "he'd Mulhal

Which suggests that our friend the Colonel may the kind of metal out of which can be coined term that will give him the sort of immortality NEWARK, N. J., July 17.

The Master Gravelled.

Newton boasted that he knew what mad n apple fall. "But we'll bet you don't know what make

A Hotel Sage. First Proprietor-How do you make 'er

green one give you colic," we countered.

Second Proprietor-I keep an extra ther-nometer on the porch labelled "New York

Draw poker's a game, as we know, which the same One's temper may rile in a jiff;
So 'tis well as a rule to be gental and cool
And so stave off many a tiff. The Wonder of It. Apples nourish the brain .- Medical note If the "age" has, perhaps, a memory lapse
And the "ante" shows signs of distress,
Don't yell, getting hot, "You're shy in the Maybe they do, but we open our eyes In really the very utmost surprise
At the number of people we can recall

But just murmur: "Arragh A-Ches." Whe apparently don't eat apples at all.

A SHARK YARN.

SHIPS OF THE CARIBBEAN.

Taken From Official Reports.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN_SIT

striking manner the question: first comer take Panama?"

Cushing Stetson, the author, presents some forceful facts, and much that he says is worthy of wide consideration. But he

has very greatly overrated the importance

man ships share chiefly with Engiand monopoly of the Caribbean trade."

I have been at some pains to learn if

information available as I write is that issued by the United States Government

covering the trade between the United States and the rest of the world, includ-ing, of course, the countries and pos-sessions falling within the designation

ama, the Central American republics of

the Caribbean side, Mexico (Guif side Santo Domingo, Hayti, Cuba, the Frenci

Dutch, Danish and British West Indias

Of course this does not include, of the

nd no Norwegian or German tonnage

From a source easily available, the exten

of German tonnage plying through the Caribbean can be seen to have exceeded Great Britain alone excepted, the combined

nnage of the world; and as we have see

o this total the tonnage of the United Fruit

As to the tonnage of the United Fruit lines: Mr. Stetson would leave the im-pression that this tonnage is, if not wholly American, then largely such. He says:

I have been assured by an official of the

'aribbean, and has invested upward of \$20.

00,000 in the development of Central America, that it was their intention immediately

list the tonnage of their entire fleet und

Aside from a couple of American ship

be unlikely to drive the tonnage above tabulated from those seas.

was before Congress for that purpos

that would not be barred by age

reached the commanding

tetson thinks it has.

YONKERS, July 17.

uary 5, 1906:

ow many hours we

or longer in the night

ny's tonnage is growing in the the world, but it has not yet

WORK IN THE SILK MILLS.

Years Ago.

silk strike in Paterson, N. J., my native city, has interested me and awakened memories of my childhood, when my par-

I have looked up some old letters.
Often have I thought how thankful the

tion I quote my aunt's letter, dated Jan

In reply to your questions, dear nephew

was fourteen. I went to work at 9 ver

week, and I was proud to think that week, and I was proud could earn something to help my mother could earn something to help my mother and slong in her struggles. [My grand-

Many a time did my poor mother carry me through the snowdrifts, until we came

to a pathway, this while I was very young.

in the same mill. He always waited for me at night, so I was well guarded going

nome. We started at work at 5 o'clock to

the morning, came home for breakfast at 7. then went to work at 7:45, and up to 12

noon. Then we worked from 12:45 until

Hoxey, a noted lawyer in his day, and a

good friend to the working people.

promptly met with military rule

OCEANPORT, N. J., July 17.

But learn to use tact or fine

My sympathies ever extend to the orking class, and I cherish the hope

that their grievances will be righted, bringing blessings on themselves, their kindred and employers alike. M.

"Arragh A-Ches."

· Gaelle for "come across with the cash.

In collecting a bill 'tis a test of true skill

For you'll find it a fact. If you only use tact

That you'll get nothing less than the

Not to ruffe the debtor's proud soul.

so don't be too gruff or go off in a huff.

And gently say: "Arragh A-Ches."

And smile on the gent when his bill you

other became a widow in 1843.1

John Ryle, and my brother Joe

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIR!

A couple of years ago the United Pruit

687,688 tons American, 934 British

The following table presents this in the order of its importance:

Nationality.

Total

hose seas.

For example, in the first

of German merchant tonnage in

a as to the German Property

Big Fish of Kaual That Return Favor With Good Measure

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. "Maintop" is really anxious to rid himself of \$500 he has only to go to the Ha-wallan Islands to obtain plenty of eviing article in the semi-monthly maga-zine section of THE SUN which presents dence of bites and even death from

When we lived in the Hawalian Istands there was a native who peddled fish at our back door who had lost his left hand from a shark bite, and an old beg-gar near the fish market who had had his leg bitten off by a shark. Si more or less serious, are by means infrequent; any doctor coast towns can testify to having treated them, and I have heard fishermen tell of having seen a companion torn to piece

and devoured by sharks.

Needless to say there are many shark stories current that are, if anything, a trifle more piscine than the sharks themselves. It is possible that an attempt to verify some of these has been the cause of "Maintop's" doubtful attitude.

"Caribbean."
I find that the tonnage of vessels that For many years Captain Simonson of the Interisland Steam Navigation Com-pany brought his little steamer to a safe entered the ports of the United States during the year ended June 30, 1912, as shown on pages 1.267 to 1.287 of Table No. 21 of the annual Report on Commerce and Navigation of the United anchorage in the rockbound harbor of Nawiliwili, Kauai, guiding her with un-erring skill through the coral reefs and shifting sand bars that line the harbor en-States, from British, Dutch and French Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia and Pantrance. Always on approaching this port the steamer was slowed to a "walk." The mate stood on the cathead heaving the lead and shouting the marks, and the anchor allowed to trail flukes under ready to be dropped at an instant's notice. Honduras, totalled 8,467,396 tons. Passengers of the tourist variety would soon realize that something was up and make Captain Simonson the mark for the

usual battery of, "Say, captain, is that man up there in front fishing?" "Are we going or are we drifting?" "Doesn't the going or are we drifting?" "Doesn't the anchor hold us back if it drags that way?" "How do you know where all the rocks are, captain; did you see them at low tide?" and so on ad infinitum. Captain Simonson always waited until 695,094 tons of vessels that entered the ports of the United States from Porto

in a manner that would have made the late G. Washington look like president of the American Club he w ell his tale No, the ship was not moving on her

gaged in the Caribbean trade with other own power; the engines were turning from the drag of the propeller. She was parts of the world would support Mr. Stetson's further statement, on page 12 of THE SUN'S magazine section, as fol-Towed! Business of surprise and incre-

dulity on the part of the Yes, one of the largest sharks in those waters was towing the ship by the an-chor; possible to see him if the water

Immediate departure of the audience for the starboard rail; much craning of necks and remarks of disappointment at the unwonted muddiness of the sea; forty feet of that water is as transparent as a plate glass showcase 365 days in the year. Yes, it was most unusual for a shark to do such a thing, but very simple of ex-a planation. As a little boy he used to swim and fish in the harbor. One day he

ionopoly of the American fruit trade in the saw a monster shark in apparent tress, and paddling his canoe out tress, and paddling his cance out he found that the unfortunate creature had been eating a fish and a large bone had caught in its throat. Unwilling to see the poor thing suffer he had carefully the flag of Germany or England, by which action the American flag will disappear from extracted the offending bone. Years later he had come to be a captain and brough chartered, I believe, to the United Fruit Company and running between Philadei-phia and Jamaica, I doubt if there is anhis ship to his boyhood harbor. The shark had not forgotten his kindness. Out of sheer gratitude that shark invariably met other vessel under the American flag in their entire fleets, so that if those two the ship, seized a fluke of the anchor and towed her safely past reef and sand bar chartered vessels were put under the British or German flags that action would proper anchorage. New York, July 17.

Cuban Maneaters.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. friend of mine from Cuba said the other day that if anybody up here wants proof sels under the American flag, and a bill the edibility of mark's point of view humans from gress passed an act admitting foreign vessels, if not over five years old, and owned by Americans, to American regis-ter for foreign trade. None of the United and investigate. And then this Cuban friend of mine, a good, cons Catholic, albelt of Scotch, not conscientious extraction, proceeded to relate Fruit Company's ships has been brought under our flag since the passage of that act, although I think there are several Englishman bathing with his (riend's) grandfather was claimed as Englishman idbit, and how, one day, a laborer overboard from a seew coming into har-bor, who when rescued was minus a con-siderable section of his anatomy; and again how a shark was caught, and on g opened "gave up" the leg of

It was known to be the leg of a Spanish soldier because it was still clothed in an appropriate part of a pair of army uniform trousers. So, if "Old Salt" Verner will conce

the reasonableness of my preference for bathing otherwise than among sharks I shall be content to see him keep his

JOHN WORTHY. NEW YORK, July 17.

MOSQUITO LOGIC.

ents and my kindred toiled there in the mills in the '40s and '50s. There still lives my uncle, more than 80, and also my aunt, past 70. Being anxious to put Autos, Otis, Gutters, Tin Cans, Rain Barrels and Jersey Birds of Prey. right my thoughts regarding those days, when I, after darkness, often carried their TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: V suppers to them in Ryle's silk mill, when

mania for dustiess speeding a remedy for the mosquito nuisance which has already proved itself a godsend has been forced workers in the mills there should now feel that they are not working in those days of long ago. And for their reflecoil to our thoroughfares.

Although we have known for years that

Although we have known for years that crude oil and the various petroleum products would prevent the increase of the larvæ of the mosquito, and although its application to stagnant puddles has been widely recommended both by our State Agricultural Department and the local boards of health it has taken the automobile to stir up the crusade, primarily wounded but he crusade, primarily most dut, but itset as important in the crusade of the second of them my most sincere and profound gratitude, with the wishes which I herewith express for the continued happiness of those hospitable people and for the growing prosperity of the great republic which I have now had the profound gratitude, with the wishes which I herewith express for the continued happiness of those hospitable people and for the growing prosperity of the great republic which I have now had the profound gratitude, with the wishes which I herewith express for the continued happiness of those hospitable people and for the growing prosperity of the great republic which I have now had the profound gratitude, with the wishes which I herewith express for the growing prosperity of the great republic which I have now had the profound gratitude, with the wishes which I herewith express for the growing prosperity of the great republic which I have now had the profound gratitude. upon dust, but just as important in the elimination of the mosquito.

The heavier oils are known to be the ost effective against mosquitoes. If you

worked wo absorbed by the road, the heavier remaining on the surface. Gravity now helps out, and every place

where flowing water from the oiled can collect to stagnate is at once covered with the film of oil in which no larve have a chance to develop, leaving there-In 1859 the ten hour law went in effect fore as the only breeding places tin cans, rain barrels and utensils left about standing upright, and of course the places to which oil is not applied.

What a change there has been in the hours of work and wages of to-day comin the far north and in the torrid pared to those days. Still, the workers well as our own temperate zone indicates are dissatisfied, and probably ever will that climatic conditions have little to do be. And in the distant future they will likely demand a four hour day, and a find them in some parts of New York likely demand a four hour day, and a dollar or more an hour, being spurred on by banqueted orators, filmflammers and drones who feast while their victims fast. and New Jersey and not in others? impression is that this is due almost entirely to poor drainage and the character of the subsoil; that is, whether it is porous or of such texture as to cause water to collect and stagnate for a period long enough for the pests to develop. Let us drain then where practical the advice of further continuation of idle-These inciters of riot and ruin of prop-erty and human life itself should be

little stagnant pools, many of which can be found quite near our houses for weeks during rainy spells, so that they will soon dry, and let us upset every tin can, rain barrel and utensil we find containing stagbarrel and utensil we find containing stag-nant water, and let us implore the authori-ties to continue the application of oil to the roads by the tank car if necessary. Then ultimately we will have a "mosquitoless paradise" right here in New Jersey. EDWARD J. BROWN. RUTHERFORD, N. J., July 17.

To an Old Gray Horse. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In this extremely active age When every one is on the fly I love to watch the old gray horse

Go plodding slowly by. As lazy clouds take half a day To creep across the sky
The old gray horse with dignity

Steps slowly, softly by. There is no hurry in his soul. contemplative eye

Scarce seems to see that swirling wheels Continually rush by. To emulate the old gray horse

I think that I shall try And then perhaps I shall not care That everything goes by. WHITE PLAINS. July 17.

WOMAN OFFERS \$500 TO EMPTY SING SING

Sees Plans to Move 300 Cou. victs to Great Meadow in "The Sun."

STATE'S ACTION AWAITED

New York Men Willing to Finance Plan if Legislature Fails.

Because she saw in THE SUN that he wanted to get 300 men out of Sing Sing into a clean environment, a woman in Rhode Island wrote yesterday to Edwin O. Holter. lawyer of 60 Broadway, offering \$500 toward the expense of moving the men to the big farm of Great Meadow prison Mr. Holter told of the offer last night at

his home in Mount Kisco. "The name of this woman," said the lawyer, "is unfamiliar to me. Apparently she does not know me except by seeing the story in TRE SUN. I sent word of her offer to Leon C. Weinstock, the New York city member of the commission appointed by Gov. Sulzer to replace Sing Sing as quickly as possible.

"Such an offer from an unexpected source was very heartening. I am glad to see that Mr. Weinstock says that his commission plans to get those men out of that pesthole at Ossining the very first thing it does. Nothing is lacking to move them to Great Meadow this week except the money

"To do it will require only a few thousand dollars. The cost has all been figured out I do not recall the exact figure

"I have told Gov. Sulzer that if th Legislature does not appropriate the money with something approaching promptness, I will start a public sub cription to raise it. I told him tha believed the full sum could be go that way in a very few days and such an incident as the letter from Rhode Island makes me more confident than

ever. "If absolutely necessary I would under take, with the assistance of a few other men, to finance the thing. But it ought not to be necessary for us to do the The Legislature ought to give that mone

and give it quick."
Richard M. Hurd, head of the Lawyers Mortgage Company, said at his home in Locust Point, N. J., that the offer from Rhode Island was "fine."

Rhode Island was "fine."
"That money to transfer those men is going to be raised," he declared. "But the Legislature should give it and give i without delay. Appropriations of the larger sort for a site and preliminary world on a prison to replace Sing Sing can war a few weeks, but the money to take those men to Great Meadow ought not to wal

The great thing is to bring public opinion to bear. I believe that by the time the public knows the full horror. Sing Sing and that it won't let any political quarrel at Albany excuse delay in giving the men now 'doubled up' at Ossining a chance to be housed decently."

Mr. Holter and Mr. Hurd liked the outline of the pian for a new farm prison in Dutchess county as described by Mr. Weinstock in The Sun yesterday. In fact, approval of a farm prison in place of Sing Sing was general among the men who know conditions there.

Mr. Weinstock was in Albany conferring with other members of Gov. Sulzer's commission and urging members of the Legislature not to block the plan for the new prison. sing Sing and that it won't let any politica

new prison.

If this prison is built on the site proposed, not far from Poughkeepsie, it can be largely erected by the convicts them selves. That is the method followed at

selves. That is the method followed a Great Meadow prison, which is still only half done.

DR. MULLER'S FAREWELL

Thanked Bryan for Nation's Hosp tality Before Sailing. WASHINGTON, July 17 .- On the eve of his

separture for Brazil after a five weeks tou of the United States as the guest of the nation, Dr. Lauro Muller, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil sent the following "I could not personally address each of the distinguished members of the Cabinet

of the Congress, of the Supreme Court and of the civil and military authorities who upon us in the widespread application of delightfully received the representative kindness to express to each of them my mogreat republic which I have now had the good fortune to visit."

President Wilson sent the following

message to President Fonseca of Brazili "On the departure to-day of your spec Ambassador, Dr. Lauro Muller, on h that in returning to his own country he wi delightful as those which it has left with

OVERTAXATION THE ISSUE

City Economy Leaguers Tell Insionists What Campaign Requires William H. Chesebrough, representing

the City Economy League, with a bership of 15,000—Mr. Cheseb said he expected the league would 100,000 members before the campaign over—appeared yesterday before ver-appeared fusion committee on candidates

urge you to incorporate in your plat-the principles for which it stands an emphasize 'overtaxation' as the mount issue in the coming municipal Among the others who spoke were

ward M. Doyle, Frank H. Tyler and E. A. Tredwell. The committee on candidate expects to begin the real slate making

Puts Hill Is Now Patnam, Conn.

GREENWICH, Conn., July 17.—Acrost ipon a suggestion made at a special town neeting by Edwin H. Baker of New 1 the voters decided hereafter to dignified name of Putnam in pref the old historical name of Puts Hi to have all town records made with new name. The meeting decided to of Mrs. A. A. Anderson one-third

acre and improve the hill at an expense of

Columbia Has Record Session

All records for attendance at the sun ssion of Columbia University have been broken this year, according to Res. F. A. Dickey. The total number of dents is 4,550, an increase of nearly over last year. On one day the number students registered was 1,452, az 1,022, the highest for one day in any Evening classes, a new feature, are one of the causes of the increase.